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Re: Filing of Response to Restriction Requirement
Appl. No.: 10/575,386
Filed: April 7, 2006
Title: **Process for Preparing Enantiomer-Enriched Alpha-Hydroxycarboxylic Acids and Amides**
Inventor(s): Drauz, et al.
Our Ref: 7601/88091

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages);
2. Amendment Subsequent to Restriction Requirement; and
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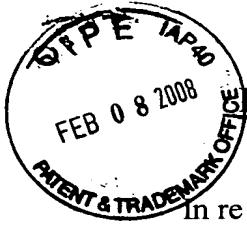
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-4056 under order number 7601/88091.

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Very truly yours,
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Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Christian Fronda

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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2008 in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement on the claims of the above-captioned application, Applicants hereby elect the claims of restriction Group I. This includes claims 12-21 directed to a method for preparing enantiomer-enriched α -hydroxycarboxylic acid or amide. Enclosed herewith is an Amendment which cancels claims 1-11 and 22-31 and which adds new claims 32-41. All of the newly added claims fall within the scope of elected restriction Group I. Thus, the total claims in the elected group and now pending are claims 12-21 and 32-41.

This election is made without traverse.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are required for the filing of the present document. Nevertheless, any fees that may be needed may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-4056 under Order No. 7601/88091.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (240) 683-6165.

Respectfully submitted,
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**Amendment Subsequent to
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Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-captioned application as described herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present document.

Remarks begin on page 5 of the present document.